

Doreen Orishaba Managing Director, BasiGo Rwanda

Doreen is very passionate about the electrification of public transport, and cars in general. She is at the helm of BasiGo Rwanda, an e-Mobility start-up spearheading the revolutionisation of the mass mobility sector in Rwanda. BasiGo provides a commercially viable electric alternative to the conventional diesel bus. BasiGo partners with Bus Operators who run the E-Buses through its innovative 'Pay-As-You-Drive' lease model.

Doreen possesses a proven track record of successfully leading pilot projects for Electric Buses in East Africa; first in Uganda, then Kenya and now Rwanda. She has worked with Electric Vehicles for over a decade, having started out as a Vehicle Electrics and Electronics Engineer at the Ugandan start up - Kiira Motors – the EV pioneer on the continent. She was one of the only two lady engineers on the Kiira Team at the time, and her contribution was instrumental as she managed the design and build of the Africa's first solar-electric bus prototype, and later the development of Uganda's Electric Bus Pilot Project.

Prior to taking the lead in Rwanda, Doreen was the Head of Electric Vehicle Programs at BasiGo Kenya, managing the E-Bus product development, pilot launch, and the roll-out to the first commercial customers.

Doreen is backed by BSc. Electrical Engineering from Makerere University, Uganda; Master of Science in Engineering Management from Kettering University, USA; and Automotive Design training by Ford Motor Company.